

--76. The method of claim 75, wherein the test area is a miniature test area having a diameter of 10 μ m to 2 mm.--

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--77. ~~The method of claim 14, wherein the solid phase comprises several test areas containing different analyte-specific solid phase reactants.--~~

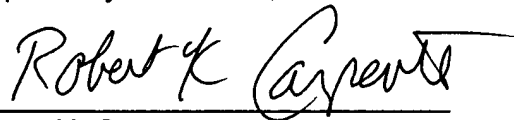
REMARKS

Supplemental to Applicants' October 31, 2002 Preliminary Amendment, new dependent claims 64-77 are added to further define Applicants' invention. No new matter is added.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the application, withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of claims 14 and 60-77 and the prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowability are respectfully solicited.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing docket number 100564-08023.

Respectfully submitted,

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